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## **Institutional Distinctiveness**

### **Empowering First-Generation College Students**

Darjeeling Government College was established immediately after independence to cater the educational needs of the Hills. Since its inception till date, this institution has successfully fulfilled the need of this region. Since it is a Government institution, it ensures that education is accessible to all, especially to the economically weaker sections of the society. It takes pride in rendering equal opportunities in regard to holistic development of students. Most of the students are first generation learners and they have greatly benefitted from this institution where they can afford to study and acquire knowledge and skills. Religious harmony while preserving the diversity is also one of its main hallmarks. The institution has been successful in providing education to all sections of society. The distinctiveness of this institution lies in catering the need of the economically backward students especially from the Tea Gardens and rural areas who are mostly First Generation Learners. Since the College fee is very nominal, fixed by the Government of West Bengal the college is under constant pressure during admission.

The distinctive area of the college is 'Empowering First-Generation College Students'. To fulfill this vision the institute give priority on this with thrust. The Teachers of this college play a major role in supporting, engaging and empowering these students. The college takes the initiative to identify the first generation students whose parents have no college experience. College guides them to choose their subject on the basis of their merits through proper counseling. The concern department arranges extra classes for them on daily basis. The teachers try to find out their limitations and try to address it. They are assessed regularly through tests, assignments and viva-voice etc. On the basis of their results and outcomes the concern department arranges parent-teacher meeting to solve out their problems. This approach reduces stigma and moves students through their undergraduate program more efficiently and effectively. More emphasis is given on their career through career counseling. There is a committee who take care of this. The college also organizes Career Counseling Seminars well as Gender sensitization programs. The college regularly takes initiatives through seminars and awareness programs to promote Gender Equality and Equity. The mission of the institution emanates from the vision to seek ways to spread higher education in the Darjeeling region and beyond, and give access to it at a minimum cost, especially to stakeholders who are financially challenged, women, scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and minorities who are in large number in the college. The priority, therefore, is always to make quality higher education accessible to as many people as possible. Hence the college has over the years, sought to upgrade itself, through changing times, to overcome challenges and meet the educational needs of the region. The region includes not only the Darjeeling Hills, but

the plains of the Dooars, the neighboring state of Sikkim and the states of North-East India. It also includes the neighboring countries of Bhutan and Nepal.

The college offers Honours and Program/Pass in various subjects including PG in Botany, Zoology, English and Nepali. Darjeeling Govt. College not only caters through regular Courses but also has an IGNOU study centre which provides Bachelors and Master degree for the eager students. The Department of Zoology and Botany are autonomous, they frame their own syllabus. The Departments of Zoology and Botany engage in projects and research. The Faculty of these two departments has been supervising PhD scholars as well. The faculty members of all the departments are engaged in research projects, contributing their knowledge and aid to the society. The institution also encourages young people to focus on research work.

The college not only focuses on academic activities but also encourages these First Generation Young learners to actively participate in other extra-curricular activities like sports, cultural activities etc. The Students also participate in Extension programs like NSS, NCC, Literary club etc, learning new experience which inculcates universal values. The college aims at holistic and all round development. The illuminating Alumni of this Institution is a testimony to the achievement of this Institution.



  
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